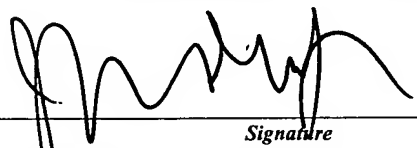

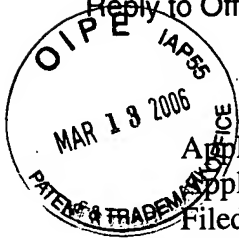


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ELECTION

Responsive to the Office communication mailed March 03, 2006, consideration of the following in connection with the above-identified application respectfully is requested.

The instant Office action contains a restriction requirement between: Group I, claims 1-26, drawn to a filter element; and Group II, claims 27-52 drawn to a method of removing oil from an aqueous fluid. Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, to wit, claims 1-26.

The Office action also requires the election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the species of "styrenic mid-block copolymers," *e.g.*, SEBS, SEPS, SBS, and SIS, for the first and the second oleophilic polymeric material. It is believed that all of the elected claims with the exception of claims 9 and 22 the claims read on the elected species.

It is hoped that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to a consideration of the non-elected species.

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